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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2005 be extended for a period of 2 month(s) from December 30, 2005 to and including February 28, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$450.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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